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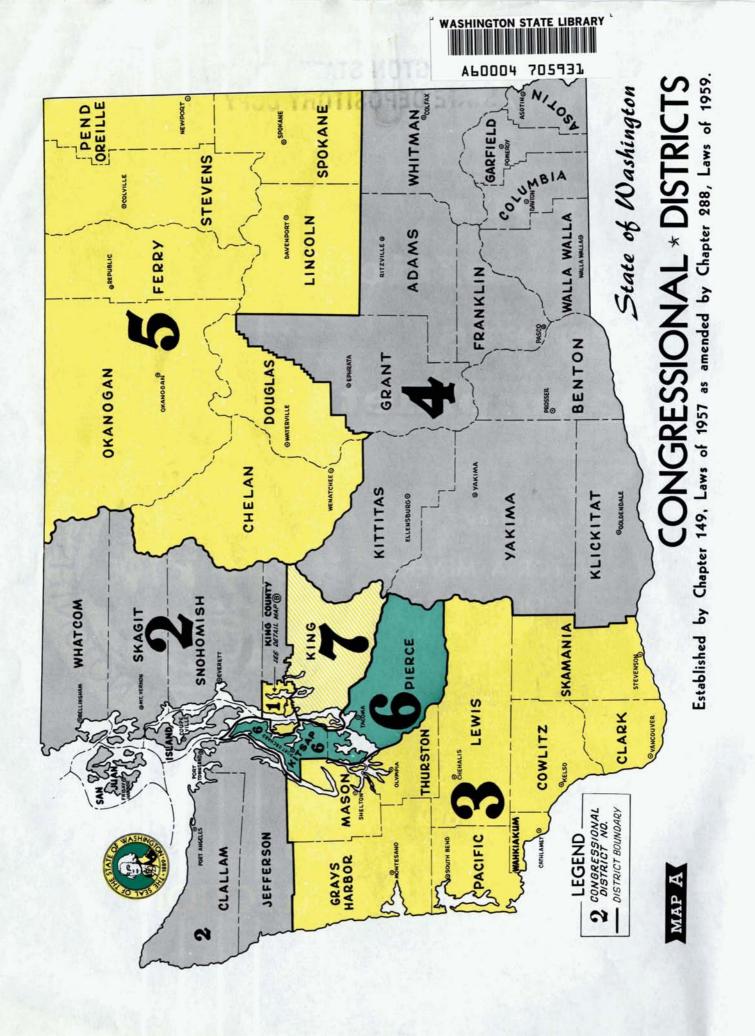
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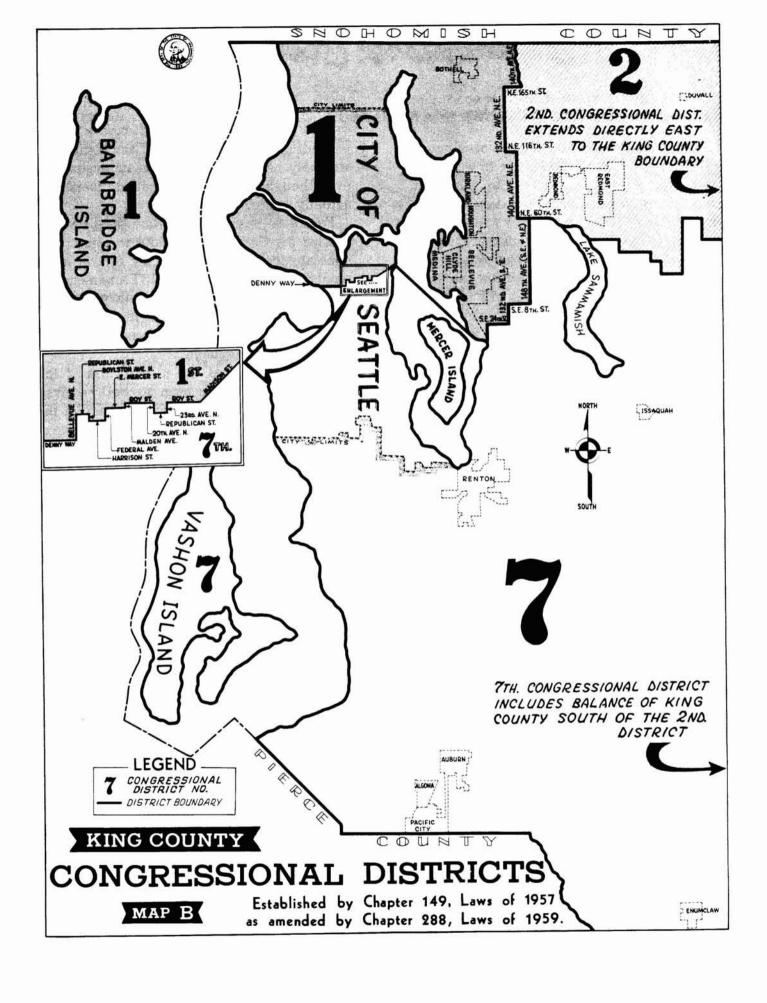
VICTOR A. MEYERS Secretary of State



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STATE GENERAL ELECTION





Explanatory Comment:

Statements FOR and AGAINST the Measures:

Back in 1958, in order to have arguments printed in the Voter's Pamphlet it was necessary for interested persons to purchase space. Since it cost approximately \$800.00 per page, rarely did arguments appear both FOR and AGAINST the same measure. In an effort to more fairly inform the voters, the 1959 Legislature completely revised the Voters' Pamphlet. Not only was the over-all appearance changed, but state law now requires that statements appear both FOR and AGAINST each of the proposals.

The presiding officers of the Senate and House, together with the Secretary of State, appoint persons to act as a committee to compose such statements. Whenever possible, a state senator and state representative are members of the respective committees.

Voters should understand that it is only human for the sponsors or opponents of any measure to present their case as forcefully as possible. In some instances the arguments may contain exaggerated statements or conclusions that cannot be fully determined without court interpretation. Each committee sincerely believes the truth of its arguments even though some of the so-called "facts" are actually conjecture.

For these reasons, state law does not authorize the Secretary of State to attempt to evaluate the truth or accuracy of the statements, either FOR or AGAINST any measure. The only legal right the Secretary of State has, insofar as the arguments are concerned, is to reject any obscene, libelous, defamatory or treasonable language.

I am pleased that the new format of the Voters' Pamphlet has been so well received by the voters. However, we are aware of the fact that there is always room for improvement and, with this thought in mind, my staff has been working with the League of Women Voters of Washington toward the end that all worthwhile suggestions can be introduced as remedial legislation at the next session of the Legislature. As a matter of fact, I would welcome any constructive suggestions from interested persons for the improvement of this pamphlet.

EXTRA COPIES OF PAMPHLET AVAILABLE:

If any public spirited citizens or organizations wish to obtain extra copies of the Voters' Pamphlet, they are available without charge. The pamphlets can be obtained locally at the offices of each city clerk and county auditor throughout the state. A supply has also been sent to each public library for public distribution.

In addition, copies can be obtained by writing directly to my office at Olympia. All requests will receive prompt attention.

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Your Vote Is Important!

The record of elections held in the State of Washington reveals that several major offices have been won by extremely close margins. One or two additional votes cast in each precinct could have changed the results of these close contests. For this reason alone, every citizen should realize that his vote is important.

Any voter who will be away from home on the day of the election—or is so physically handicapped that he (or she) cannot vote in person should apply now for an absentee ballot. Any signed request containing the necessary information will be honored. For your convenience, a model application is reproduced below.

Our absentee voting procedure has been greatly simplified in that it is **no longer** necessary to mark your ballot in the presence of a notary public. All that is required is for the absentee voter to sign the affidavit which is printed upon the envelope used to mail back the marked ballot.

In order to be certain that the voter's application is authentic, our laws require that the signature upon the application must compare favorably to the signature on the voter's permanent registration record. For this reason, a voter who resides within a city precinct should understand that his application for an absentee ballot must be sent to his city clerk even though the request is for a state general election absentee ballot. The city clerk, after approving the application, will then forward the request on to the appropriate county auditor who is the election officer who actually issues and receives absentee ballots for all state elections.

Apply Now for an Absentee Ballot If You Cannot Vote in Person.

CLIP OUT FORM ALONG	THIS LINE	
APPLICATION FOR STATE GENERAL EL	ECTION ABSENTEE	BALLOT
Send this application to your city clerk if your voting county auditor if your voting precinct		
	(Date)	
I hereby declare that I am a qualified elector in	(Name of county)	, State of Washington
and that I am registered for voting at the following addr		mber, or rural route)
(City or town)	(If possible fill in precin	ct name or number)
My reason for requesting an absentee ballot is: (Check appropriate square)		
I expect to be absent from my precinct during the po	olling hours on the d	ay of said election.
I am so incapacitated that I cannot attend at the po	lls and vote in the us	ual way at said election
my incapacity being in the manner as follows:		
SIGN HERE	F	
(Print name here for positive identification)	(Signa	ture of voter)
Fill in address where you wish absentee ballot to be sent	(:	Street)
	(City)	(State)